

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 10/708,406 Confirmation No.: 2405  
Applicant: Garcia, *et al.*  
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Examiner: Matthew J. Smith  
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Customer No.: 23718  
Title: WELLBORE DRILLING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Commissioner for Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING 37 C.F.R. § 41.47**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.47, the Applicant respectfully requests an oral hearing in the present appeal. Please charge the fee for requesting an oral hearing (\$1,030.00), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(3), to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 19.0372). Please apply any charges not covered or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 19.0372).

Respectfully submitted,

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